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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

Period	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics) (a)			Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts	Building Permits Tasmania (b)	New Houses Completed (c)	State Railways—Gross Revenue	Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Average) (d)	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e)
	Males	Females	Total	£'000.	£'000.	No. (g)	£ (f)	£'000	£
	No.	No.	No.	(f)	(f)	(g)	(f)	(f)	(f)
47-48	54,522	18,027	72,549	1,604	348	386	79,829	3,947	72,990
48-49	56,802	18,709	75,511	2,068	489	572	87,259	4,699	76,394
49-50	58,380	19,380	77,760	2,168	698	713	94,915	5,605	88,433
50-51	60,784	20,366	81,150	2,809	904	979	113,043	7,370	99,312
51-52	61,756	19,892	81,648	3,525	835	1,000	150,629	8,856	135,685
52-53	62,201	20,179	82,380	3,440	666	829	170,784	8,850	144,806
53-54	63,578	21,195	84,773	3,821	902	658	181,608	9,938	157,088
54-55	65,079	21,839	86,918	4,488	1,067	620	194,359	10,716	165,209
55-56	65,791	23,225	89,016	4,703	1,036	680	212,064	11,621	175,203
56-57	65,977	22,925	88,902	5,200	1,290	690	211,021	12,671	199,617
57-58	67,011	23,470	90,481	5,744	1,135	641	214,103	12,983	223,391
58-59	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,095	1,150	644	225,550	13,767	234,346
59-60	69,365	24,176	93,541	6,553	1,632	619	233,482	15,369	272,573
60-61	69,095	24,295	93,390	6,803	1,265	622	227,704	16,234	302,611
61-62	69,541	24,690	94,231	5,633	1,575	599	224,917	16,081	314,045
8-59—									
January	67,676	23,078	90,754	6,964	1,019	611	186,584	10,399	223,326
February	68,018	22,857	90,875	6,018	988		233,488	13,870	190,233
March	68,179	23,127	91,306	5,094	1,159		235,245	14,226	180,072
April	68,089	23,691	91,780	7,174	1,280		235,256	15,302	296,986
May	67,885	23,488	91,373	6,457	1,438		235,052	15,621	252,704
June	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,973	1,192		242,301	14,584	259,820
9-60—									
July	67,827	23,021	90,848	4,797	1,452	617	236,819	15,525	249,359
August	67,897	22,650	90,547	5,716	1,640		229,709	13,831	203,497
September	68,051	22,764	90,815	6,940	1,390		236,397	14,647	187,583
October	68,590	22,952	91,542	6,205	1,771		249,510	14,125	304,084
November	68,656	23,160	91,816	6,411	2,863		237,813	15,190	276,362
December	68,964	23,731	92,695	6,450	1,940		227,867	17,563	294,571
January	69,867	24,056	93,923	7,272	858		194,981	12,849	260,433
February	69,562	23,877	93,439	6,082	1,367		240,905	14,519	267,746
March	69,676	23,945	93,621	7,096	1,466		268,896	15,838	266,044
April	69,687	24,256	93,943	5,078	1,277		220,637	16,178	284,093
May	69,622	24,286	93,908	8,552	1,669		231,698	17,218	355,435
June	69,365	24,176	93,541	8,042	1,887		226,555	16,941	321,673
61—									
July	69,457	23,997	93,454	5,796	1,219	617	208,796	17,280	309,419
August	69,447	23,633	93,080	5,946	1,718		247,098	15,133	284,742
September	69,352	23,608	92,960	8,216	1,747		253,465	15,460	238,484
October	69,636	23,606	93,242	5,522	1,007		232,942	16,560	342,282
November	69,807	23,888	93,695	7,798	1,589		246,618	15,814	335,713
December	70,223	24,550	94,773	5,544	1,052		220,464	18,490	284,528
January	70,287	24,125	94,412	7,631	851		176,026	15,124	341,083
February	70,329	24,740	95,069	6,514	1,013		224,472	14,842	294,146
March	70,282	24,654	94,936	6,418	1,071		243,426	16,682	268,399
April	70,034	24,723	94,757	7,439	1,287		208,740	15,937	297,134
May	69,657	24,543	94,200	7,793	1,331		239,766	17,419	344,918
June	69,095	24,295	93,390	7,022	1,292		230,638	16,071	290,488
62—									
July	68,951	23,910	92,861	5,956	1,776	617	202,433	16,449	333,161
August	68,888	23,718	92,606	6,659	2,588		220,302	13,962	298,491
September	68,656	23,450	92,106	5,865	1,921		214,237	14,531	279,510
October	68,477	23,391	91,868	6,919	1,191		228,351	16,176	325,644
November	68,823	23,676	92,499	6,619	1,150		234,096	14,736	328,583
December	69,580	24,197	93,777	4,922	1,473		199,582	16,925	302,302
January	69,514	23,751	93,265	8,439	1,158		204,824	13,490	330,845
February	69,632	24,339	93,971	5,896	1,428		234,764	15,198	302,388
March	69,831	24,714	94,545	6,929	2,558		266,074	17,551	297,987
April	69,841	24,747	94,588	4,862	897		221,713	16,266	307,876
May	70,000	24,628	94,628	8,219	1,477		253,076	19,806	348,630
June	69,541	24,690	94,231	6,316	1,286		219,550	17,930	313,125
63—									
July	69,369	24,028	93,397	8,253	1,556	(h)	(h)	18,683	357,748
August	(h)	(h)	(h)	7,007	1,685	(h)	(h)	17,081	316,929

Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia or Overseas and National Service trainees in camp. (See Note (b) on page 4.) Figures shown opposite financial years are for the month of June.

Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities.

Includes owner-built houses.

Cheque-paying banks. Compiled from returns lodged

under *Banking Acts* 1945-53 and 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended last Wednesday in period. Excludes debits to Government accounts at city branches.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(g) Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals.

(h) Not yet available.

TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)

Month	Total Civilian Employees (excluding Rural, Female Private Domestics and Defence Forces).			Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Govern- mental Authorities (b)	Private Employers	Total	Mining and Quarrying	Factories (c)	Building and Con- struction	Transport and Com- munication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Profes- sional and Personal Services	
MALES.											
1949—June	15,613	41,189	56,802	2,715	18,070	8,877	7,746	3,405	5,030	5,5	
1950—June	16,779	41,601	58,380	2,757	18,365	9,370	8,243	3,474	5,164	5,7	
1951—June	18,774	42,010	60,784	2,758	18,638	10,263	8,471	3,466	5,350	5,8	
1952—June	18,863	42,893	61,756	2,890	18,689	10,300	8,743	3,486	5,497	5,9	
1953—June	19,452	42,749	62,201	3,189	18,488	10,700	8,444	3,569	5,558	6,0	
1954—June	20,029	43,549	63,578	3,061	19,581	10,400	8,685	3,566	5,697	6,1	
1955—June	21,170	43,909	65,079	3,035	20,096	10,400	9,134	3,629	5,970	6,2	
1956—June	20,229	45,562	65,791	3,052	21,591	8,800	9,565	3,629	6,137	6,5	
1957—June	20,637	45,340	65,977	3,043	21,244	8,900	9,607	3,717	6,066	6,78	
1958—June	21,922	45,089	67,011	2,833	21,914	9,400	9,545	3,558	6,134	6,87	
1959—June	22,099	45,528	67,627	2,773	22,446	9,200	9,651	3,579	6,164	6,92	
1960—June	22,061	47,304	69,365	2,850	23,486	8,900	9,748	3,673	6,503	7,15	
1961—June	21,798	47,297	69,095	2,885	23,483	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,12	
1961—May	21,804	47,853	69,657	2,858	23,559	8,800	9,959	3,636	6,684	7,12	
June	21,798	47,297	69,095	2,885	23,483	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,12	
July	21,731	47,220	68,951	2,892	23,417	8,500	9,739	3,596	6,687	7,117	
1962—May	22,412	47,588	70,000	2,805	23,884	8,500	9,735	3,534	6,805	7,435	
June	22,215	47,326	69,541	2,821	23,805	8,400	9,415	3,630	6,735	7,461	
July	22,310	47,059	69,369	2,831	23,832	8,423	9,342	3,592	6,632	7,557	
FEMALES.											
1949—June	3,491	15,218	18,709	35	4,439	72	1,088	3,480	1,343	7,465	
1950—June	3,653	15,727	19,380	39	4,600	87	1,090	3,597	1,434	7,727	
1951—June	4,031	16,335	20,366	55	4,662	101	1,205	3,899	1,579	7,922	
1952—June	4,243	15,649	19,892	51	4,097	108	1,297	3,641	1,669	8,074	
1953—June	4,362	15,817	20,179	50	4,114	122	1,227	3,646	1,724	8,317	
1954—June	4,644	16,551	21,195	51	4,750	122	1,251	3,849	1,785	8,402	
1955—June	4,943	16,896	21,839	56	4,768	127	1,310	4,152	1,954	8,463	
1956—June	5,197	18,028	23,225	66	5,503	124	1,373	4,223	2,099	8,801	
1957—June	5,446	17,479	22,925	75	5,161	124	1,379	4,134	2,046	8,930	
1958—June	5,669	17,801	23,470	63	5,335	131	1,393	4,139	2,092	9,211	
1959—June	5,715	17,633	23,348	62	5,122	130	1,395	4,202	2,121	9,199	
1960—June	5,909	18,267	24,176	68	5,544	131	1,375	4,258	2,225	9,398	
1961—June	6,059	18,236	24,295	79	5,298	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,481	
1961—May	5,977	18,566	24,543	79	5,444	127	1,400	4,564	2,256	9,463	
June	6,059	18,236	24,295	79	5,298	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,491	
July	6,060	17,850	23,910	76	4,953	127	1,357	4,516	2,237	9,404	
1962—May	5,999	18,629	24,628	78	5,719	124	1,308	4,273	2,318	9,540	
June	6,088	18,602	24,690	76	5,708	126	1,315	4,367	2,303	9,531	
July	6,141	17,887	24,028	75	5,203	124	1,285	4,313	2,233	9,521	
PERSONS.											
1949—June	19,104	56,407	75,511	2,750	22,509	8,949	8,834	6,885	6,373	13,013	
1950—June	20,432	57,328	77,760	2,796	22,965	9,457	9,333	7,071	6,598	13,461	
1951—June	22,805	58,345	81,150	2,813	23,300	10,364	9,676	7,365	6,929	13,768	
1952—June	23,106	58,542	81,648	2,941	22,786	10,408	10,040	7,127	7,166	14,050	
1953—June	23,814	58,566	82,380	3,239	22,602	10,822	9,671	7,215	7,282	14,351	
1954—June	24,673	60,100	84,773	3,112	24,331	10,522	9,936	7,415	7,482	14,588	
1955—June	26,113	60,805	86,918	3,091	24,864	10,527	10,444	7,781	7,924	14,680	
1956—June	25,426	63,590	89,016	3,118	27,094	8,924	10,938	7,852	8,236	15,315	
1957—June	26,083	62,819	88,902	3,118	26,405	9,024	10,986	7,851	8,112	15,711	
1958—June	27,591	62,890	90,481	2,896	27,249	9,531	10,938	7,697	8,226	16,082	
1959—June	27,814	63,161	90,975	2,835	27,568	9,330	11,046	7,781	8,285	16,127	
1960—June	27,970	65,571	93,541	2,918	29,030	9,031	11,123	7,931	8,728	16,556	
1961—June	27,857	65,533	93,390	2,964	28,781	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,556	
1961—May	27,781	66,419	94,200	2,937	29,003	8,927	11,359	8,200	8,940	16,597	
June	27,857	65,533	93,390	2,964	28,781	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,556	
July	27,791	65,070	92,861	2,968	28,370	8,627	11,096	8,112	8,924	16,521	
1962—May	28,411	66,217	94,628	2,883	29,603	8,624	11,043	7,807	9,123	16,97	
June	28,303	65,928	94,231	2,897	29,513	8,526	10,730	7,997	9,038	16,99	
July	28,451	64,946	93,397	2,906	29,035	8,547	10,627	7,905	8,865	17,07	

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government Employment, Pay-roll Tax returns, and other direct collections.

(b) Includes employees of Government Authorities (Commonwealth, State, and Local), on services such as

railways, tramways, banks, post-office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works &c., as well as administrative employees.

(c) As recorded at the annual Censuses of Factories, June, 1961, with interim estimates for subsequent months.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (excluding female private domestics).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS: TASMANIA.

Period	Unemployment Benefits (a)				Sickness Benefits (a)	
	No. of Persons Admitted to Benefit (b)	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month		No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month
			No.	£		
MONTHLY AVERAGES.						
1954-55	40	81	1,329	233	4,310	
1955-56	38	57	830	228	4,242	
1956-57	107	134	1,920	229	3,936	
1957-58	291	512	8,652	232	4,895	
1958-59	309	611	11,239	248	5,823	
1959-60	265	561	10,080	247	5,640	
1960-61	333	576	9,544	250	5,564	
1961-62	689	1,522	28,989	257	6,784	
MONTHLY TOTALS.						
1961-62—						
September	998	2,182	34,688	271	6,241	
October	536	1,673	43,348	254	7,349	
November	487	1,575	31,947	249	6,112	
December	475	1,398	27,730	229	6,415	
January	484	1,385	23,054	225	6,127	
February	676	1,225	27,901	246	6,602	
March	473	913	23,654	258	7,528	
April	525	1,093	16,104	266	5,723	
May	633	1,199	26,829	281	8,498	
June	1,082	1,778	35,676	304	9,213	
1962-63—						
July	812	1,937	46,402	308	10,239	
August	726	2,018	48,594	322	10,496	

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII of the *Social Services Act*, 1947-1958.

(b) Four or five weekly period ending last Saturday of month.
(c) Last Saturday of month.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: TASMANIA.

Period	Births		Deaths		Marriages		Population at end of Period (b)	Increase in Population During Period (c)
	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)		
Year ended 31st December—								
1948	6,979	26.49	2,528	9.60	2,428	9.22	273,401	5,465
1949	7,110	26.30	2,389	8.84	2,422	8.96	281,343	7,942
1950	7,242	25.98	2,466	8.85	2,560	9.18	290,333	8,990
1951	7,357	25.52	2,567	8.90	2,607	9.04	301,787	11,454
1952	7,916	26.53	2,579	8.64	2,553	8.56	309,558	7,771
1953	7,736	25.25	2,551	8.33	2,424	7.91	316,465	6,907
1954	7,770	24.98	2,696	8.68	2,512	8.08	319,218	2,753
1955	8,089	25.63	2,489	7.89	2,600	8.24	324,919	5,701
1956	8,104	25.24	2,513	7.83	2,601	8.10	331,340	6,421
1957	8,435	25.68	2,670	8.13	2,507	7.63	338,807	7,467
1958	8,568	25.55	2,708	8.07	2,475	7.38	343,898	5,091
1959	8,625	25.26	2,780	8.14	2,567	7.52	351,349	7,451
1960	8,853	25.52	2,670	7.70	2,713	7.82	355,969	4,620
1961	8,982	25.40	2,789	7.89	2,677	7.57	364,126	8,157
Quarter ended—								
March, 1960		(d)		(d)		(d)		
June, 1960	2,170	24.88	633	7.26	685	7.86	346,263	—5,086
September, 1960	2,216	25.69	642	7.44	728	8.44	343,910	—2,353
December, 1960	2,312	26.82	756	8.77	564	6.54	345,691	1,781
March, 1961	2,155	24.57	639	7.29	736	8.39	355,969	10,278
June, 1961	2,364	26.68	677	7.64	693	7.82	352,992	—2,977
September, 1961	2,192	24.93	698	7.94	671	7.63	350,340	—2,652
December, 1961	2,353	26.78	769	8.75	570	6.49	352,653	2,313
March, 1962	2,073	23.14	645	7.20	743	8.29	364,134	11,481
	2,337	25.87	671	7.43	656	7.26	358,520	—5,614

Rate per 1,000 of mean population.

Population estimates for periods subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1961, represent the population ascertained at the census plus natural increase and recorded net migration since that date. As complete records of interstate migration are not avail-

able, the estimated population since 30th June, 1961, is approximate.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration. See also note (b).

(d) Equivalent annual rates.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN TASMANIA: COMMODITY GROUPS.

£'000.

NOTE.—The figures in this table may differ slightly from corresponding data published elsewhere due to rounding processes.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piece-goods, Footwear	Hard-ware (b)	Electrical Goods (c)	Furni-ture	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, &c. (e)
1948-49 (f)	1,210	580	780	760	1,880	380	250	330	1,130	7,300	1,130
1952-53 (f)	2,160	1,140	1,490	1,340	3,220	790	570	610	2,400	13,720	3,220
1953-54	2,300	1,290	1,610	1,370	3,330	820	670	630	2,620	14,640	4,300
1954-55	2,490	1,270	1,600	1,540	3,520	1,910	760	700	2,880	15,770	5,500
1955-56	2,710	1,340	1,850	1,670	3,660	1,080	810	770	2,920	16,810	5,500
1956-57 (f)	2,920	1,390	1,880	1,750	3,790	1,130	790	800	3,040	17,490	5,500
1957-58 (g)	2,990	1,400	1,940	1,720	3,680	1,120	680	800	3,140	17,470	6,600
1958-59 (g)	3,050	1,530	2,060	1,810	4,040	1,220	790	800	3,340	18,640	6,600
1959-60 (g)	3,180	1,530	2,180	1,910	4,380	1,360	1,100	930	3,590	20,160	6,600
1960-61 (g)	3,490	1,700	2,520	1,940	4,480	1,390	1,370	900	4,040	21,830	7,100
1959-60 (g) —					QUARTERLY	AVERAGES.					
Mar. Qr.	3,210	1,480	2,240	2,010	3,800	1,260	1,060	800	3,520	19,380	6,500
June Qr.	3,210	1,610	2,170	1,910	4,640	1,370	1,370	890	3,640	20,810	6,900
1960-61 (g) —					QUARTERLY	TOTALS.					
Sept. Qr.	3,340	1,650	2,350	1,780	4,260	1,380	1,440	980	3,820	21,000	7,500
Dec. Qr.	3,760	1,700	2,660	2,030	5,220	1,660	1,600	1,120	4,620	24,370	8,000
Mar. Qr.	3,570	1,610	2,650	2,070	3,820	1,250	1,280	770	3,940	20,960	6,300
June Qr.	3,540	1,680	2,460	1,860	4,620	1,280	1,340	810	3,800	21,390	6,200
1961-62 (g) —					QUARTERLY	TOTALS.					
Sept. Qr.	3,490	1,690	2,420	1,820	4,050	1,280	1,270	790	3,820	20,630	6,400
Dec. Qr.	3,820	1,650	2,640	2,160	5,200	1,550	1,490	1,060	4,640	24,210	7,100
Mar. Qr.	3,580	1,680	2,600	2,050	3,880	1,360	1,190	740	3,880	20,960	7,300

(a) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c, but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, &c.).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, &c.

(d) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books, stationery, chemists goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

(f) Census figures.

(g) Subject to revision.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS.

Retail Businesses Plus Non-Retail Finance Businesses, Tasmania.

NOTE.—The following statistics relate to the combined hire purchase operations of Retail Businesses (including subsidiary finance businesses set up by retailers) and Non-Retail Finance Businesses engaged in hire purchase financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Number of New Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (a) (£'000)	Amount Financed (b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sales Financed (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at end of each period (c) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	3,960	2,705	1,635	413	60	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	4,140	2,813	1,726	417	61	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,536	2,554	1,573	445	62	
1960-61—March Qr.	2,755	2,149	1,308	475	61	
June Qr.	3,122	2,160	1,306	418	60	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	3,305	2,251	1,352	409	60	
Dec. Qr.	3,803	2,637	1,595	419	60	
Industrial Plant and Machinery, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	278	145	90	324	62	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	306	199	132	431	66	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	359	269	174	485	65	
1960-61—March Qr.	338	187	113	334	60	
June Qr.	255	221	138	541	62	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	308	247	151	490	61	
Dec. Qr.	325	306	206	634	67	
Household and Personal Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	7,643	484	387	51	80	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	9,019	602	486	54	81	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	8,465	720	584	69	81	
1960-61—March Qr.	7,917	654	534	67	82	
June Qr.	7,116	556	449	63	81	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	7,006	552	449	64	81	
Dec. Qr.	8,681	679	552	64	81	
Total All Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	11,881	3,334	2,112	178	63	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	13,465	3,614	2,344	173	65	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	12,360	3,543	2,331	189	66	
1960-61—March Qr.	11,010	2,990	1,955	178	65	
June Qr.	10,493	2,937	1,893	180	64	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	10,619	3,050	1,952	184	64	
Dec. Qr.	12,809	3,622	2,353	184	65	

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(d) Separate details not available.

(e) Balances at 30th June.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE IMPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA
PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink	Tobacco and Cigarettes	Drapery Clothing and Textiles	Petroleum and Shale Oils	Ores and Concentrates	Metals and Metal Manufactures	Machinery (Including Electrical)	Chemicals, Drugs and Fertilizers	Total Imports
1938-39 (a)	2,266	479	1,793	443	318	2,393	958	419	11,502
1951-52	9,648	2,374	9,398	2,541	2,069	15,365	10,336	1,969	68,960
1952-53	9,650	2,647	8,377	2,770	2,852	13,158	9,730	2,036	61,613
1953-54	10,990	2,944	9,486	2,735	2,475	14,455	9,230	2,228	67,850
1954-55	11,933	3,016	8,704	3,387	2,803	16,216	8,297	2,540	69,682
1955-56	11,125	3,056	8,980	3,178	3,109	17,083	8,959	2,971	72,829
1956-57	11,420	3,467	9,293	4,523	3,388	16,633	8,860	2,946	76,786
1957-58	10,869	3,885	8,620	4,937	2,837	18,137	9,692	3,089	79,112
1958-59	12,766	4,383	9,177	4,847	3,192	19,447	9,466	3,702	83,615
1959-60	13,132	3,676	9,568	5,446	2,798	24,125	10,079	3,393	88,415
1960-61	13,813	5,504	10,096	4,923	3,945	26,586	13,150	3,749	99,226
Nine months ended Mar.—									
1961	9,816	2,793	6,656	3,697	2,154	17,696	9,579	2,790	64,019
1962	8,798	3,332	6,267	3,743	2,787	16,996	7,462	2,413	61,288
1961-62—									
July	1,145	251	487	467	160	1,337	794	280	5,969
August	960	481	689	443	449	1,585	666	281	6,396
September	1,140	486	623	150	351	1,796	599	244	6,081
October	1,076	542	832	366	209	1,992	928	257	7,732
November	953	259	836	475	355	1,968	1,092	280	7,341
December	1,142	233	814	460	336	2,031	1,170	279	7,533
January	667	244	507	498	469	1,940	729	299	6,354
February	840	293	633	251	135	2,014	490	209	5,523
March	875	543	846	633	323	2,333	994	284	8,359

(a) Excludes imports by air, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE EXPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA
SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink				Greasy Wool (a)	Apparel, Textiles and Manufactured Fibres	Ores and Concentrates	Refined Metals (b)	Timber	Total Exports.						
	Fresh and Preserved		Butter	Other												
	Fruit	Vegetables														
1938-39 (c)	1,950	1,057	360	1,634	773	961	976	2,023	571	12,233						
1951-52	5,559	3,629	633	5,803	4,683	3,905	5,857	11,160	2,214	57,363						
1952-53	7,229	3,597	901	6,696	6,015	5,973	4,861	11,820	2,561	64,034						
1953-54	6,417	3,445	800	6,751	5,657	6,921	4,613	10,724	3,350	65,267						
1954-55	5,816	3,333	1,513	7,247	6,095	6,648	4,813	10,241	3,578	68,697						
1955-56	7,471	4,360	1,731	7,954	5,570	7,581	5,981	11,236	3,488	80,000						
1956-57	5,867	5,257	1,726	8,177	8,099	8,107	5,350	11,751	3,643	85,885						
1957-58	8,895	3,557	1,710	7,982	7,130	8,288	4,044	11,835	3,390	86,256						
1958-59	7,423	4,170	2,414	9,696	6,053	7,526	2,414	12,898	3,742	87,970						
1959-60	6,429	3,414	2,695	11,359	7,627	9,613	2,976	14,341	4,768	103,039						
1960-61	7,200	3,447	1,649	12,214	6,253	10,097	3,380	13,451	4,777	103,783						
Nine months ended Mar.—																
1961	1,854	2,825	1,469	10,091	3,073	7,193	2,576	11,191	3,726	71,594						
1962	2,439	3,155	1,675	8,238	4,301	6,980	1,961	11,273	3,065	71,432						
1961-62—																
July	342	100	...	902	211	535	297	1,177	305	6,438						
August	215	64	52	809	66	528	89	1,729	356	6,700						
September	189	163	109	862	33	282	278	1,092	381	6,538						
October	227	75	112	988	21	586	134	1,541	353	7,077						
November	166	54	248	814	83	1,021	195	1,194	335	7,033						
December	156	858	438	842	735	899	140	781	225	7,966						
January	83	1,061	318	743	1,159	714	208	1,301	212	9,122						
February	117	350	155	1,128	602	1,242	326	1,228	440	9,279						
March	944	430	243	1,150	1,391	1,173	294	1,230	458	11,279						

(c) Excludes greasy wool exported on skins.

(d) Excludes aluminium, details of which are not available for publication.

(c) Excludes exports by air, details of which are not available.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART; WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Consumer Price Index—Hobart (a) (Base of Each Index—Year 1952-53 = 100)						Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) (Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 100)			
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous	All Groups	Period	Goods Principally Imported (b)	Goods Principally Home-Produced (c)	All Groups (c)
Year ended June—							1953-54	271	339	311
1952	87.1	94.3	88.3	92.3	91.7	90.4	1954-55	277	340	320
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1955-56	292	352	333
1954	107.9	101.8	107.1	103.0	103.9	105.0	1956-57	311	357	344
1955	107.1	102.0	110.7	103.7	102.0	104.9	1957-58	301	355	333
1956	113.7	103.3	121.9	108.6	106.8	110.2	1958-59	283	358	333
1957	118.6	106.1	133.3	115.2	118.5	116.9	1959-60	281	375	344
1958	115.1	108.7	137.3	116.0	119.5	117.0	1960-61	278	394	360
1959	116.8	109.8	141.3	116.8	121.2	118.7	1961-62	270	363	333
1960	118.5	110.7	148.5	118.5	123.3	120.8	1961-62—Aug.	274	371	344
1961	132.1	112.4	156.6	121.1	126.2	127.5	Sept.	272	366	338
1962	129.0	114.0	163.8	124.3	127.0	128.1	Oct.	271	357	332
Quarter—							Nov.	272	354	330
1960—June	121.4	111.6	151.7	120.1	123.7	122.6	Dec.	270	358	332
Sept.	128.4	111.6	153.7	121.3	125.7	125.8	Jan.	268	361	334
Dec.	131.7	112.3	155.9	120.3	125.9	127.1	Feb.	267	362	334
1961—March	133.9	112.5	158.0	120.8	126.7	128.3	Mar.	269	360	333
June	134.4	113.3	158.9	121.9	126.5	128.9	April	267	361	333
Sept.	132.9	113.4	160.8	124.9	127.1	129.1	May	271	361	334
Dec.	129.5	114.0	163.7	124.1	127.0	128.3	June	269	367	338
1962—March	127.2	114.2	164.6	123.9	126.8	127.5	1962-63—July	269	370	340
June	126.5	114.2	166.1	124.2	126.9	127.5	Aug.	270	371	341
							Sept.	270	368	339

(a) This index was first published in August, 1960. It has been compiled for periods from September Quarter 1948.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) The indexes for "Goods Principally Home-Produced"

and "All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For September, 1962, indexes comparable with those previously published, including potatoes and onions, were, Goods Principally Home-produced, 373; All Groups, 342.

BASIC WAGE RATES: HOBART; TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS: TASMANIA.

Date of Operation (a)	Basic Wage: Hobart—Adult Males and Females (Weekly Rates)				Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings			
	Commonwealth Awards		State Wages Boards' Awards (b)		Period	Average Weekly Total Wages Paid (e)		Average Weekly Earnings Per Employed Male Unit (e)
	Males	Females	Males	Females		s. d.	s. d.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.				
September, 1939	77 0	42 0	77 0	42 0	1953-54		1,305	15.78
November, 1947	107 0	58 0	107 0	58 0	1954-55		1,399	16.54
November, 1948	118 0	63 6	118 0	63 6	1955-56		1,521	17.75
November, 1949	128 0	69 0	128 0	69 0	1956-57		1,635	18.79
November, 1950	139 0	75 0	139 0	75 0	1957-58		1,671	18.95
December, 1950	(c) 160 0	(c) 120 0	160 0	120 0	1958-59		1,725	19.33
November, 1951	199 0	149 0	199 0	149 0	1959-60		1,878	20.71
May, 1952	214 0	160 6	214 0	160 6	1960-61		1,969	21.42
August, 1952	222 0	166 6	222 0	166 6	1961-62		2,057	22.50
November, 1952	230 0	172 6	230 0	172 6	1959-60—			
February, 1953	232 0	174 0	232 0	174 0	June Qtr.		2,016	21.98
May, 1953	239 0	179 0	239 0	179 0	1960-61—			
August, 1953	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	Sept. Qtr.		1,888	20.71
November, 1953	242 0	181 6	242 0	181 6	Dec. Qtr.		2,002	21.78
February, 1956	242 0	181 6	259 0	194 3	March Qtr.		1,945	21.00
May, 1956	242 0	181 6	268 0	201 0	June Qtr.		2,040	22.18
June, 1956	(c) 252 0	(c) 189 0	268 0	201 0	1961-62—			
August, 1956	252 0	189 0	272 0	204 0	Sept. Qtr.		1,937	21.40
May, 1957	(c) 262 0	(c) 196 6	272 0	204 0	Dec. Qtr.		2,069	22.78
May, 1958	(c) 267 0	(c) 200 0	272 0	204 0	March Qtr.		2,033	22.11
June, 1959	(c) 282 0	(c) 211 6	282 0	211 6	June Qtr.		2,188	23.70
July, 1961	(c) 294 0	(c) 220 6	294 0	220 6				

(a) Operative as from beginning of first pay period commencing in month shown.

(b) No state basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent except between February, 1956 and June, 1959.

(c) Increase granted by Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission as a result of a Basic Wage Inquiry.

(d) Automatic quarterly adjustments of basic wages discontinued in September, 1953 in Commonwealth Awards and in State Wages Boards' Awards also, except for the period February, 1956 to August, 1956 inclusive.

(e) Derived from employment and wages recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collections, and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Excludes Defence Forces.

BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

NOTE.—Private building permits shown below relate to permits issued by local government authorities. Government figures relate to contracts let and day labour projects commenced by governmental authorities.

Period	New Houses (a)				Other Buildings, including alterations and additions		Totals		
	Private		Government		Private	Government	Private	Government	Grand Total
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

HOBART AND SUBURBS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1953-54	675	2,085	282	709	1,700	511	3,785	1,220	5,005
1954-55	679	2,220	352	917	1,813	915	4,033	1,832	5,865
1955-56	691	2,343	232	623	1,950	362	4,293	985	5,278
1956-57	757	2,617	284	815	2,362	581	4,979	1,396	6,375
1957-58	645	2,315	312	899	1,946	1,727	4,261	2,626	6,887
1958-59	634	2,309	266	816	1,519	1,604	3,828	2,420	6,248
1959-60	617	2,396	261	849	3,791	3,125	6,187	3,974	10,161
1960-61	569	2,318	250	811	2,433	1,302	4,751	2,113	6,864
1961-62	555	2,313	306	955	2,250	1,230	4,563	2,185	6,748

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—December	29	122	16	63	313	31	435	94	529
January	29	101	17	66	177	416	278	482	760
February	46	213	26	102	101	3	314	105	419
March	59	229	17	58	284	12	513	70	583
April	36	153	21	62	67	57	220	119	339
May	43	176	22	66	268	122	444	188	632
June	43	194	22	65	108	124	301	189	490
1962-63—July	58	240	31	91	287	326	527	417	944
August	56	236	21	62	479	6	715	68	783

LAUNCESTON AND SUBURBS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1953-54	384	1,013	176	485	812	176	1,825	661	2,486
1954-55	425	1,180	175	428	677	108	1,857	536	2,393
1955-56	377	1,128	120	312	775	76	1,903	388	2,291
1956-57	404	1,300	119	316	1,415	161	2,715	477	3,192
1957-58	365	1,177	28	66	689	148	1,866	214	2,080
1958-59	395	1,299	42	104	788	276	2,087	380	2,467
1959-60	420	1,452	23	70	1,099	361	2,551	431	2,982
1960-61	379	1,411	22	66	963	490	2,374	556	2,930
1961-62	389	1,475	56	138	1,039	1,267	2,514	1,405	3,919

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—December	25	98	—	47	21	145	21	166	
January	26	96	7	18	31	8	127	26	153
February	23	93	—	—	142	10	235	10	245
March	34	135	5	14	91	1,150	226	1,164	1,390
April	31	114	1	7	32	23	146	30	176
May	47	163	12	26	118	19	281	45	326
June	32	124	—	—	40	—	164	—	164
1962-63—July	31	114	—	—	109	—	223	—	223
August	42	166	—	—	54	25	220	25	245

OTHER AREAS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1953-54	941	1,833	101	267	725	507	2,558	774	3,332
1954-55	923	1,955	146	416	1,163	1,014	3,118	1,430	4,548
1955-56	1,058	2,406	177	540	1,272	644	3,678	1,184	4,862
1956-57	1,073	2,608	86	276	1,187	1,842	3,795	2,118	5,913
1957-58	972	2,315	150	475	1,172	687	3,487	1,162	4,649
1958-59	900	2,198	169	506	1,307	1,070	3,505	1,576	5,081
1959-60	1,057	2,743	168	556	1,895	1,242	4,638	1,798	6,436
1960-61	912	2,507	141	482	1,519	967	4,026	1,449	5,475
1961-62	966	2,600	255	762	3,394	1,479	5,994	2,241	8,235

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—December	85	225	13	34	80	439	305	473	778
January	62	154	—	—	57	34	211	34	245
February	78	202	6	15	463	84	665	99	764
March	97	289	59	163	93	40	382	203	585
April	95	222	16	56	56	48	278	104	382
May	91	264	18	56	97	102	361	158	519
June	70	193	48	142	212	85	405	227	632
1962-63—July	96	242	2	8	110	29	352	37	389
August	80	210	11	33	283	131	493	164	657

(a) Excludes flats which are included with "Other Buildings".

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a): TASMANIA
(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats
1956-57	2,591	69	2,660	2,759	105	2,864	2,137	34	2,171
1957-58	2,378	85	2,463	2,566	41	2,607	1,949	78	2,027
1958-59	2,563	206	2,769	2,577	131	2,708	1,935	153	2,088
1959-60	2,357	184	2,541	2,475	197	2,672	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61	2,248	129	2,377	2,487	175	2,662	1,578	94	1,672
1961-62	2,475	166	2,641	2,397	154	2,551	1,656	106	1,762
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
June Qr.	640	25	665	626	100	726	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	653	49	702	633	43	676	1,837	146	1,983
Dec. Qr.	524	30	554	711	24	735	1,650	152	1,802
Mar. Qr.	561	22	583	526	26	552	1,685	148	1,833
June Qr.	510	28	538	617	82	699	1,578	94	1,672
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	644	20	664	534	57	591	1,688	57	1,745
Dec. Qr.	558	72	630	602	20	622	1,644	109	1,753
Mar. Qr.	619	19	638	616	27	643	1,647	101	1,748
June Qr.	654	55	709	645	50	695	1,656	106	1,762

(a) Individual Living Units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "Home Units."

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: TASMANIA.
(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total
1956-57	7,569	6,569	14,138	8,217	4,392	12,609	6,210	5,875	12,085
1957-58	7,490	5,243	12,733	7,922	4,918	12,840	5,933	6,013	11,946
1958-59	8,331	6,078	14,409	7,993	5,457	13,450	6,371	6,682	13,053
1959-60	7,917	10,326	18,243	8,285	7,518	15,803	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61	7,968	6,172	14,140	8,603	8,411	17,014	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62	8,513	9,180	17,693	8,315	8,412	16,727	5,568	8,320	13,888
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
June Qr.	2,168	2,541	4,709	2,370	2,675	5,045	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	2,355	1,888	4,243	2,144	1,107	3,251	6,259	10,357	16,616
Dec. Qr.	1,779	810	2,589	2,329	2,184	4,513	5,731	9,146	14,877
Mar. Qr.	2,018	1,638	3,656	1,795	2,099	3,894	5,965	8,693	14,658
June Qr.	1,816	1,836	3,652	2,335	3,021	5,356	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	2,215	2,545	4,760	2,021	2,104	4,125	5,664	7,987	13,651
Dec. Qr.	1,991	1,985	3,976	2,079	2,395	4,474	5,597	7,579	13,176
Mar. Qr.	2,029	1,779	3,808	1,981	2,487	4,468	5,524	6,883	12,407
June Qr.	2,278	2,871	5,149	2,234	1,426	3,660	5,568	8,320	13,888

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.
(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Property Sales—Number and Total Consideration						Number and Amount of Mortgages											
							Registered					Discharged (a)						
	1946		1961		1962		1946		1961		1962		1946		1961		1962	
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000
January	497	242	756	1,998	628	1,513	170	116	615	1,412	550	1,261	242	113	462	565	355	444
February	593	300	687	2,010	596	1,208	206	143	576	1,385	517	931	298	163	395	498	363	489
March	575	317	741	1,814	780	1,788	173	141	623	1,456	602	1,174	273	152	397	424	413	629
April	581	368	623	1,363	675	1,582	197	174	539	1,097	540	1,080	317	175	306	456	404	612
May	727	363	866	2,031	751	1,565	254	154	754	1,633	766	1,511	303	278	508	770	549	761
June	568	347	789	1,770	692	1,531	240	186	662	1,471	574	1,443	263	117	479	768	416	576
July	559	363	785	2,104	967	2,175	246	213	615	1,042	765	1,618	253	132	442	704	530	726
August	698	494	866	1,912	976	2,403	277	193	730	1,414	818	1,630	289	181	511	593	560	879
September	672	404	797	1,873	773	1,553	310	240	709	1,627	738	1,660	336	187	443	713	457	651
October	511	297	860	2,051			234	206	632	1,367			291	195	421	499		
November	594	460	717	1,727			269	278	603	1,297			258	145	381	573		
December	556	384	715	1,677			218	168	598	1,295			220	165	690	638		
Year	7,131	4,339	9,202	22,330			2,794	2,212	7,656	16,496			3,343	2,003	5,435	7,201		
January to Sept.	5,470	3,198	6,910	16,875	6,838	15,318	2,073	1,560	5,823	12,537	5,870	12,308	2,574	1,498	3,943	5,491	4,047	5,767

(a) Excludes partial discharges.

MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period	Production of Foodstuffs.								
	Dairy Products.			Meat (Bone-in Weight).				Bacon & Ham. (c)	Flour. (d)
	Whole Milk Production (a). '000. Gals.	Factory Butter. Tons.	Factory Cheese. Tons.	Beef and Veal. Tons.	Mutton and Lamb. Tons.	Pigmeat. (b) Tons.	Total. Tons.	Tons.	Tons. (2000 lb.)
MONTHLY AVERAGES.									
1938-39	2,902	338	118	912	527	251	1,690	85	1,632
1953-54	3,970	605	24	917	923	224	2,064	79	2,534
1954-55	4,335	694	23	1,139	992	286	2,417	86	2,484
1955-56	5,117	830	28	1,285	981	303	2,569	87	2,321
1956-57	5,355	869	28	1,493	1,051	279	2,823	76	2,421
1957-58	5,388	885	27	1,670	1,102	351	3,123	74	2,387
1958-59	5,515	900	29	1,700	1,367	409	3,476	76	2,466
1959-60	5,852	979	27	1,929	1,732	446	4,107	74	2,573
1960-61	5,321	855	29	1,408	1,577	421	3,406	69	2,424
1961-62p	6,147	1,005	50	1,591	1,683	447	3,721	60	2,411
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1960-61—Mar.	3,656	523	18	1,737	1,958	592	4,287	57	2,534
Apr.	2,102	214	15	1,456	1,475	387	3,318	53	2,218
May	1,784	155	4	1,579	1,451	342	3,372	56	2,717
June	1,585	115	1	1,429	1,345	308	3,082	52	2,445
1961-62p—July	2,221	232	2	1,273	1,221	231	2,725	42	2,266
Aug.	4,556	685	15	1,519	1,290	321	3,130	44	2,664
1961-62p—Mar.	5,524	880	87	1,833	1,874	504	4,211	61	2,506
Apr.	4,097	610	55	1,517	1,369	502	3,388	54	1,980
May	2,609	309	25	2,075	1,549	514	4,138	62	3,035
June	1,802	155	7	1,851	1,464	332	3,647	43	2,321
1962-63p—July	2,736	341	12	1,908	1,309	302	3,519	r51	2,560
Aug.	5,300	847	21	2,024	1,325	306	3,655	49	2,805

Period.	Minerals.			Building Materials.				Paper Pulp. (g)	Electricity for all Purposes Except Traction. '000 K.W.H.	Super-phosphate. Tons	Sulphuric Acid. Tons
	Coal. Tons	Refined Zinc. Tons	Cathode Copper. Tons	Sawn Native Timber. (f) '000 Sup. ft.	Earthen-ware Bricks. '000	Portland Cement. Tons	Fibrous Plaster Sheets. '000 Sq. yds.				
MONTHLY AVERAGES											
1938-39	7,667	5,819	(e) 1,056	7,019	1,216	7,490	10	332	47,026	2,507	1,180
1953-54	20,458	8,263	717	9,856	1,315	10,050	35	5,794	122,037	6,179	4,485
1954-55	23,287	8,372	713	11,699	1,466	9,748	40	7,878	131,825	6,318	5,797
1955-56	24,768	8,659	617	12,553	1,503	9,668	40	8,579	148,889	7,108	5,931
1956-57	23,699	8,885	638	11,312	1,594	10,388	44	8,601	183,574	6,829	7,909
1957-58	22,298	9,594	839	10,880	1,703	10,878	48	9,315	194,246	8,728	9,325
1958-59	23,926	9,559	841	12,167	1,782	12,084	57	8,970	204,049	8,908	10,478
1959-60	25,237	9,824	939	14,138	1,998	9,981	65	9,296	210,417	8,551	10,587
1960-61	23,859	10,495	800	13,711	2,020	8,967	59	9,732	218,928	8,717	11,251
1961-62p	19,779	11,302	972	11,433	1,730	8,651	50	9,590	227,355	9,790	11,371
MONTHLY TOTALS											
1960-61—											
Mar.	22,310	11,057	737	13,988	2,101	8,910	62	8,159	216,115	11,302	11,840
Apr.	21,597	10,875	978	10,377	1,397	8,028	53	9,174	215,167	9,560	9,871
May	26,223	11,352	1,100	11,648	1,862	10,534	65	10,517	238,311	6,937	12,503
June	26,241	9,894	1,061	10,902	1,941	10,705	60	10,963	235,766	10,163	11,588
1961-62p—											
July	24,717	12,455	1,083	10,968	1,460	8,025	47	10,524	250,883	10,100	13,837
Aug.	23,441	12,196	1,094	12,058	1,934	9,598	46	9,107	242,982	9,689	11,993
1961-62p—											
Mar.	21,247	10,676	1,062	12,477	1,737	11,188	62	9,815	226,495	9,759	11,875
Apr.	16,943	10,941	940	10,513	1,702	8,109	55	9,631	231,688	10,459	10,788
May	24,375	11,664	1,083	12,955	1,835	8,070	70	11,160	258,301	10,066	10,883
June	22,294	9,800	1,062	11,756	1,491	8,484	44	10,623	252,992	10,549	10,920
1962-63p—											
July	20,959	13,172	1,110	11,993	1,846	9,429	65	10,302	266,251	13,694	15,238
Aug.	22,390	11,693	1,089	12,553	1,633	9,302	65	9,957	266,430	6,505	11,315

(a) Including whole milk equivalent of factory butter and cheese produced.
 (b) Including pork for manufacture of bacon and ham.
 (c) Cured weight.
 (d) Including wheatmeal for baking.
 (e) Year ended 30th September for 1938-39 only.

(f) Including sawn equivalent of logs peeled or sliced.
 (g) Ground wood pulp, chemical and semi-chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.
 r Revised since previous issue.
 p Preliminary—subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS--TASMANIA(a).

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period.				New Motor Vehicles Registered During Period.			
	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total
1938-39	17,668	5,036	3,656	26,360	2,010	700	350	3,060
1951-52	32,548	16,817	5,739	55,104	4,267	2,073	938	7,278
1952-53	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	3,368	1,724	474	5,566
1953-54	39,973	19,740	5,649	65,362	4,718	1,896	450	7,064
1954-55	44,879	20,891	5,306	71,076	5,738	2,285	417	8,440
1955-56	48,969	22,384	4,800	76,153	5,457	2,179	332	7,968
1956-57	52,712	22,897	4,391	80,000	5,309	1,983	340	7,637
1957-58	56,873	24,029	4,018	84,920	5,337	1,944	225	7,506
1958-59	60,105	24,943	3,606	88,654	5,362	2,113	176	7,651
1959-60	64,746	26,088	3,123	93,957	6,527	2,115	96	8,738
1960-61	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	6,723	2,058	61	8,842
1961-62	73,836	26,999	2,396	103,231	6,931	1,778	59	8,768
1960-61—Mar.	67,902	26,341	2,682	96,925	515	157	8	680
Apr.	67,919	26,405	2,652	96,976	420	147	2	569
May	68,646	26,431	2,622	97,699	494	134	1	629
June	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	495	167	4	666
1961-62—July	68,990	26,337	2,619	97,946	386	128	9	523
Aug.	69,472	26,419	2,605	98,496	470	127	2	599
1961-62—Mar.	72,770	26,951	2,525	102,246	684	184	4	872
Apr.	73,024	26,966	2,463	102,453	611	172	3	786
May	73,558	27,112	2,439	103,109	713	192	8	913
June	73,836	26,999	2,396	103,231	754	149	3	906
1962-63—July	75,003	27,209	2,369	104,581	732	166	4	902
Aug.	75,427	27,151	2,347	104,925	884	149	1	1,034

(a) Including Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

TASMANIAN TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Period.	State Railways.					Urban Passenger Services (a) (other than Railways)			
	Gross Revenue.	Working Costs (excluding interest).	Train Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Goods and Livestock Carried.	Hobart.		Launceston.	
						Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.
	£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	£	£	£	£
	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1938-39	40,577	48,641	5,223	6,292	70,292	4,102	29,972	1,752	14,319
1953-54	181,608	225,684	5,198	8,998	80,658	5,744	44,733	2,420	18,121
1954-55	194,359	238,960	5,725	8,502	86,739	5,640	45,399	2,440	18,036
1955-56	212,064	253,162	5,768	8,156	89,595	(d) 6,588	(d) 50,028	(d) 2,523	(d) 18,006
1956-57	211,021	268,077	5,086	7,708	90,141	7,619	52,309	2,850	18,958
1957-58	214,103	248,384	4,296	6,697	91,308	8,802	55,413	2,861	19,006
1958-59	225,550	247,625	4,217	6,421	94,807	9,496	54,139	3,005	18,679
1959-60	233,482	257,776	4,006	6,263	99,627	9,834	53,679	3,069	18,356
1960-61	227,704	273,826	4,154	5,762	99,297	10,541	49,946	3,143	17,462
1961-62	224,917	264,618	3,878	4,975	91,323	10,577	48,994	3,141	17,217
1960-61—Jan.	176,026	242,913	3,829	6,457	75,512	9,829	42,988	2,805	13,560
Feb.	224,472	237,573	4,246	6,556	97,299	10,804	51,724	3,311	18,871
Mar.	243,426	280,564	4,166	4,933	102,829	10,803	52,524	3,223	18,479
Apr.	208,740	260,852	3,890	5,733	88,837	10,448	48,525	3,240	17,318
May	239,766	287,570	4,291	4,806	100,226	11,057	49,566	3,135	16,759
June	230,638	354,903	4,217	5,359	98,757	11,188	50,043	3,249	17,913
July	202,433	243,316	3,907	5,400	89,266	10,809	48,095	3,101	16,795
1961-62—Jan.	204,824	239,848	3,717	4,496	69,850	10,118	44,996	2,805	13,560
Feb.	234,764	245,194	4,060	6,419	94,756	10,714	52,799	3,895	22,564
Mar.	266,074	267,577	3,870	4,887	109,912	10,617	52,925	2,843	16,642
Apr.	221,713	234,141	3,482	4,428	89,189	10,021	47,495	2,699	15,311
May	253,076	259,595	3,966	4,305	105,226	10,782	49,480	3,454	18,964
June	219,550	357,439	3,714	5,162	90,975	10,628	50,035	3,569	19,597
July	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	10,550	50,397	2,870	16,432

(a) Includes tram, omnibus and trolley-bus services; under Municipal control until taken over by Metropolitan Transport Trust on 1.7.55. Trams ceased operating Hobart 21.10.60; Launceston 13.12.52.
 (b) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(c) Figures for 1938-39 are not comparable with those for 1952-53 and subsequent periods.
 (d) Figures prior to 1955-56 are not strictly comparable with later figures due to acquisition by Metropolitan Transport Trust of omnibus services not included in previous statistics. See note (a) above.
 (e) Not yet available.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties Classified According to Responsibility (b).							Traffic Accident Casualties.	
		Drivers of Motor Vehicles.	Motor-cyclists.	Pedestrians.	Vehicular Defects.	Road Conditions.	Other Causes.	Total	Persons Killed	Persons Injured.
1950-51	49,173	310	170	178	91	80	184	1,013	57	1,212
1951-52	55,104	401	150	172	67	85	152	1,027	87	1,215
1952-53	60,545	396	151	180	70	71	160	1,028	56	1,246
1953-54	65,362	385	130	170	80	94	123	982	67	1,156
1954-55	71,076	399	113	147	51	61	93	864	57	1,111
1955-56	76,151	443	88	186	42	39	76	874	72	1,046
1956-57	80,000	431	71	171	45	63	71	852	65	1,107
1957-58	84,920	435	67	126	33	38	81	780	70	1,002
1958-59	88,654	420	49	170	41	45	66	791	68	990
1959-60	93,957	425	52	129	33	28	76	743	79	1,004
1960-61	98,068	506	21	177	38	37	65	844	75	1,157
1961-62	103,231	560	32	138	42	29	71	872	72	1,207
Seven months ended July—										
1961	97,946	297	15	101	25	21	45	504	42	689
1962	104,581	316	17	78	23	13	40	487	37	684
1962—January		101,452	48	3	8	1	3	67	1	114
February	102,182	34	3	10	1	2	5	55	3	66
March	102,246	30	3	12	7	2	4	58	11	85
April	102,453	62	1	7	3	4	10	87	5	125
May	103,109	44	2	17	6	2	5	76	4	94
June	103,231	55	3	13	1	...	6	78	11	106
July	104,581	43	2	11	4	...	6	66	2	94

(a) At end of period; includes commercial vehicles, cars and motor cycles and Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Services vehicles.

(b) As determined at the time of accident. Accidents *not involving casualties* are required to be reported only in certain circumstances.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
1938-39	39,053	£ Monthly Average. (b)	39,392	...	...	14,144	18,013
1952-53	144,806	559	70,710	...	...	29,214	39,429
1953-54	157,088	518	71,047	...	...	50,837	41,816
1954-55	165,209	451	71,745	...	...	33,245	45,501
1955-56	175,203	554	74,732	...	...	36,210	49,344
1956-57	199,617	388	73,459	...	...	38,937	53,059
1957-58	223,391	515	75,915	3	43	40,891	56,059
1958-59	234,346	569	76,419	3	74	43,346	59,839
1959-60	272,573	401	78,899	384	4,661	45,758	63,377
1960-61	302,611	393	77,419	1,222	18,991	(c) 48,871	66,609
1961-62	314,045	329	74,918	892	27,441		70,514
Monthly Totals.				Monthly Total.			
1961-62—August	298,491	468	76,780	1,356	20,195	49,346	(d)
September	279,510	286	76,424	674	20,578	49,598	(d)
October	325,644	261	76,208	521	20,976	49,804	(d)
November	328,583	326	76,046	492	21,524	49,965	(d)
December	302,302	210	76,066	327	21,846	50,124	(d)
January	330,845	197	76,177	350	22,273	50,200	(d)
February	302,388	275	76,605	336	22,619	50,399	(d)
March	297,987	304	76,417	614	23,359	50,582	(d)
April	307,876	309	74,356	624	23,607	50,764	(d)
May	348,630	341	74,993	1,063	24,515	50,996	(d)
June	313,125	678	74,918	3,350	27,441	51,164	70,514
1962-63—July	357,748	504	74,955	2,684	30,056	51,469	(d)
August	316,929	466	74,545	4,797	32,567	51,801	(d)

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Not available.

(d) Available as at end of financial years only.

(c) Break in continuity of series; from July, 1960, figures include additional subscribers connected by means of the duplex system.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.
£'000.

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Cheque-Paying Banks. (Including Commonwealth Trading Bank)				Savings Banks Deposits (a).	
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits. (b)	Advances. (b)	Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (c)		Trustee Sav- ings Banks— Hobart and Launceston.	Total (All Savings Banks).
					Hobart.	Launceston.		
1938-39	3,615	3,641	(d)	(d)	623	258	6,038	8,396
1955-56	18,011	17,896	34,281	22,291	3,962	1,700	22,899	37,211
1956-57	18,958	19,772	36,115	21,655	4,237	1,799	23,506	38,759
1957-58	20,802	21,614	36,019	21,498	4,427	1,957	24,122	40,241
1958-59	21,851	22,759	36,702	22,689	4,893	2,114	25,442	42,462
1959-60	24,296	25,328	38,503	23,140	6,062	2,496	27,257	46,356
1960-61	26,886	27,084	38,732	24,472	7,122	2,557	27,969	47,388
1961-62	30,318	30,676	39,547	24,667	7,118	2,554	29,257	51,230
1960-61—June	4,297	2,261	38,227	24,005	7,805	2,447	27,969	(e) 47,388
1961-62—July	1,586	1,527	37,975	24,382	7,574	2,615	28,241	47,753
Aug.	1,495	2,267	37,840	24,618	6,206	2,583	(f) 28,673	(f) 48,323
Sept.	2,915	2,522	37,950	24,580	6,283	2,226	(g) 28,904	(g) 48,758
Oct.	1,630	3,216	38,321	24,954	7,262	2,611	28,827	48,866
Nov.	1,883	3,085	38,391	25,242	6,386	2,252	28,810	49,006
Dec.	2,934	2,145	39,266	24,008	7,164	3,217	28,731	49,114
Jan.	1,913	1,492	39,664	24,161	5,905	1,902	28,788	49,305
Feb.	1,892	2,603	39,758	25,338	6,552	2,687	(h) 29,114	(h) 49,796
Mar.	2,990	2,776	41,201	23,991	8,026	3,104	(i) 29,348	(i) 50,135
April	3,122	3,119	41,648	25,171	7,305	2,453	29,259	50,053
May	2,788	3,033	41,051	24,893	8,811	2,586	29,202	50,281
June	5,170	2,891	41,381	24,597	8,005	2,645	29,257	(j) 51,230
1962-63—July	1,738	1,700	41,633	25,260	9,805	2,815	29,408	51,675
Aug.	(l) 1,674	(l) 3,270	41,075	25,900	7,975	2,612	(k) 30,145	(k) 53,064

(a) At end of period.

(b) Average of weekly figures.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) Comparable figures not available.

(e) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £507,000 added.

(f) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £259,000 added.

(g) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £220,000 added.

(h) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £278,000 added.

(i) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £235,000 added.

(j) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £581,000 added.

(k) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £284,000 added.

(l) Deficit for two months ended August, 1962, £1,557,833 compared with a deficit of £713,326 for the corresponding period in 1961-62.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Per Cent Per Annum.

Date of Change in Rate	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.				Hobart Savings Bank.		Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth Government Securities (a).	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Interest Rate (maxi- mum) on Deposits.	Mortgage Rate on Advances for Homes.		Theoretical 2 Years.	Theoretical 15 Years.
1942—14th Mar.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	1.50	...	...
1943—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.50	2.47	3.23
1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.49	3.24
1944—17th Jan.	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.47	3.24
11th Aug.	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.43	3.24
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.48	3.25
1st Dec.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.46	3.25
1949—1st Jan.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	1.00	2.10	3.10
1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	0.75	2.00	3.13
1951—1st Sept.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	0.75	2.04	3.83
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.40	4.51
1st Aug.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.50	1.00	2.58	4.49
1st Sept.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.50	4.50	1.00	2.94	4.61
1955—1st Jan.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.75	4.75	1.00	3.35	4.49
1956—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
15th Mar.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
4th Dec.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.69	5.09
1957—1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.25	1.00	4.77	5.06
1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.50	1.00	4.43	5.00
1958—1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.25	5.50	1.00	4.24	4.96
1960—17th Nov.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.25	5.50	1.00	5.35	5.19
1961—1st Jan.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.50	5.75	1.00	5.50	5.34
1st July	4.00	4.00	4.25	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.93	5.34
1962—13th April	3.75	3.75	4.00	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.38	4.93
July	3.75	3.75	4.00	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.30	4.90
August	3.75	3.75	(e) 4.00	(e)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.26	4.91

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Yields are to last date of redemption and figures relate to last Wednesday in month. Since July, 1959, figures relate to theoretical 2 and 15 year securities. Previously yields were weighted averages of yields on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years respectively. Income

tax rebate of 2s. in the pound has not been taken into account.

(b) 1 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(c) 1.50 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) Maximum term of 12 months.

(e) Term 12-15 months.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS—TASMANIA.

Period.	New Policies Issued (a)					New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies (b)			
	Ordinary Department (c)		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies.	On Other Securities.	Total Loans Granted.
	No.	Sum Assured	No.	Sum Assured					
Monthly Averages—		£'000.		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1949-50	731	439	617	63	502	18	6	..	24
1950-51	796	549	664	72	621	38	6	..	44
1951-52	865	694	633	76	770	69	10	..	79
1952-53	855	726	624	83	809	49	10	13	72
1953-54	915	872	508	76	948	57	9	..	66
1954-55	1,029	1,051	465	72	1,123	136	10	..	146
1955-56	1,045	1,200	394	68	1,268	166	16	..	182
1956-57	1,007	1,269	406	72	1,341	166	18	1	185
1957-58	950	1,363	404	73	1,436	185	18	3	206
1958-59	1,082	1,520	387	75	1,595	194	21	2	217
1959-60	1,341	1,976	371	74	2,050	222	23	3	248
1960-61	1,337	2,223	339	88	2,311	218	38	1	257
1961-62	1,185	2,096	276	79	2,175	133	34	1	168
Monthly Totals—									
1961—Feb.	807	1,176	300	75	1,251	195	43	1	239
Mar.	1,376	2,394	280	76	2,470	207	45	1	253
Apr.	1,096	1,877	301	82	1,959	82	38	..	120
May	1,351	2,179	367	93	2,272	232	47	1	280
June	1,460	2,722	409	110	2,832	150	43	..	193
July	1,284	2,266	311	78	2,344	102	50	2	154
1962—Feb	849	1,487	253	70	1,557	118	31	2	151
Mar.	1,178	2,159	327	99	2,258	82	37	3	122
Apr.	977	1,749	259	84	1,833	97	24	..	121
May	1,154	2,043	203	63	2,106	81	43	..	124
June	1,273	2,239	291	112	2,351	144	32	..	176
July	1,331	2,467	348	102	2,569	149	45	..	194

(a) Excludes annuity policies. (b) Exclusive of advances of premiums. (c) Includes superannuation business.

GREASY WOOL PRODUCTION, TASMANIA.

Season.	Shorn Wool Including Crutchings.	Dead and Fellmongered Wool.	Wool on Skins Exported.	Total Quantity of Wool Produced.	Gross Value of All Wool Produced.	Average Price per lb. of Greasy Wool Sold at Auction.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	Pence
1952-53	17,584	15	2,208	19,807	(a) 6,379	80.86
1953-54	17,762	79	2,275	20,116	(a) 6,655	82.92
1954-55	21,150	84	2,563	23,797	(a) 7,232	76.50
1955-56	20,790	30	2,598	23,418	6,190	65.52
1956-57	25,705	56	2,902	28,663	9,974	86.18
1957-58	26,110	62	2,982	29,154	7,742	65.55
1958-59	28,892	86	3,627	32,605	6,844	52.79
1959-60	29,091	114	4,360	33,565	8,254	61.94
1960-61	27,881	114	3,839	31,834	7,229	57.82
1961-62	30,039	107	4,297	34,443	7,876	58.34

(a) Excludes War-time Wool Disposals Plan profits.

SHEEP SHORN AND PRODUCTION OF SHORN WOOL, TASMANIA.

Year.	Numbers Shorn			Production of Shorn Wool.			Average Weight of Fleece Shorn.		
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs	From Sheep (a)	From Lambs.	From Sheep and Lambs.	From Sheep (a)	From Lambs.	From Sheep and Lambs.
	'000	'000	'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1956-57	2,380	702	3,082	23,976	1,729	25,705	10.07	2.46	8.34
1957-58	2,576	812	3,388	24,163	1,947	26,110	9.38	2.40	7.71
1958-59	2,890	783	3,673	27,081	1,811	28,892	9.37	2.31	7.87
1959-60	3,003	831	3,834	27,321	1,770	29,091	9.10	2.13	7.59
1960-61	2,945	733	3,678	26,193	1,688	27,881	8.89	2.30	7.58
1961-62	3,003	827	3,830	28,193	1,846	30,039	9.39	2.23	7.84

(a) Including crutchings.

RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index Showing Ratio of Actual to Average (a) Rainfall for each Month.

Period	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.		Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.	
1953	106	121	109	107	89	125	89	90	115
1954	92	104	79	79	81	106	90	89	89
1955	132	118	97	104	79	99	110	96	110
1956	141	138	128	142	111	148	169	110	95
1957	84	107	80	92	76	108	88	107	107
1958	108	114	109	121	126	149	124	98	84
1959	78	83	76	77	73	83	116	122	95
1960	109	139	109	115	98	74	86	78	78
1961	77	93	69	68	67				
1961—June	81	116	117	64	101	97	72	135	
July	96	143	70	87	85	143	152	79	
August	72	93	67	74	81	100	110	45	
September	38	60	74	57	65	84	42	64	
October	70	94	45	35	30	54	45	82	
November	74	68	62	64	58	40	131	65	
December	138	64	73	53	51	66	193	99	
1962—January	102	54	46	106	51	88	137	43	
February	86	116	92	67	70	55	69	128	
March	116	134	116	90	119	76	26	156	
April	35	35	58	64	76	79	32	47	
May	142	116	117	118	122	143	150	90	
June	153	126	130	98	212	102	62	220	
July	63	61	85	135	106	137	143	93	
August	109	81	118	136	136	150	156	104	

(a) Up to and including 1958 *average* rainfall for each year (represented by 100) is the average over the period 1911-1940. As from 1st January, 1959, a long period average from a selection of representative stations is used.

SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

Rainfall.—During August, 1962, above-normal rainfall was received over most of the State. Only parts of the West Coast, extreme South-East, Eastern Tamar, King Island and extreme North-West Coast received falls less than normal. Even in these areas most falls were about 90% of normal.

Heaviest falls occurred along the West Coast mountains, Western Plateau and the hinterland of the Central North-West Coast, with falls from 10 to 15 inches. Most of the South-East, Eastern Derwent, and Midlands recorded two to four inches while from four to six inches were reported from the Upper East Coast, Eastern Plateau, Western Derwent, and most of the Northern districts.

Heavy rains in Northern areas on 13th and 14th caused moderate to severe local flooding in many northern rivers on 14th and 15th, continuing in the upper South Esk until the 20th.

Temperature.—Except in the far North-West where they were normal, mean maximum temperatures were below average everywhere with departures of 1° to 2° being representative. Means were close to normal on the Bass Strait islands.

Generally about the coast, mean minima were close to normal but negative departures were on the average about 1° inland, the largest being 2° at Shannon.

Frosts and Snow.—Widespread moderate to severe frosts were recorded on the 5th, 10th and from the 20th to 23rd inclusive. Local inland frosts were reported on most other days.

Heaviest falls of snow for the month occurred during the 20th to 22nd inclusive, the falls on the 21st being particularly widespread. Snow was reported from the East Coast and Highlands, the South-East (including the Tasman Peninsula) and Southern Midlands. Parts of the East Coast recorded their first snowfall.

Crops and Pastures.—Crops and pastures in practically all districts were in fair to good condition and a good season appeared likely.

Orchardists reported sufficient winter rain to last through until after blossoming and, given fine and mild weather, expected a good crop.

Water Supplies.—Good to excellent water supplies were reported from all areas.

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